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ICE DEPORTS FOUR CONVICTED CHILD SEX PREDATORS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement announced that four in four convicted child sex predators were deported on Wednesday as part of Operation Predator.

Three of the four had been convicted of sexual offenses against children under the age of 15. All were held at a detention facility in York County, Pa., prior to removal. The four individuals removed in this action are as follows:

- Rohan David Williams, 33, a citizen of Jamaica, who was convicted in 2001 of rape, statutory sexual assault and other charges for the rape of a 15-year-old girl in Philadelphia in 1996.
- Gregorio Romero-Rios, 52, a citizen of Mexico, who was convicted of forcibly committing sodomy with a 12-year-old boy in New York in 2000. Romero-Rios was convicted in Queens County, N.Y., in 2001.
- Jorge Ramirez, 36, a citizen of Mexico employed as a maintenance worker in New York City, who was convicted in New York in 2002 of sexual conduct against a child. Ramirez had sexually abused his stepdaughter on at least two occasions between 1996, when she was nine years old, and 1998.
- Juan Lara-Guadarrama, 25, a citizen of Mexico, who was charged with indecent exposure after he was videotaped at a department store in New Castle, Del., following young girls around the store as he masturbated himself on November 24, 2004.

All four men were rendered eligible for deportation based upon their crimes.

“Removing dangerous sexual predators from our communities is a top priority for ICE as part of our effort to restore integrity to the nation’s immigration system,” said Thomas Decker, the Acting Field Office Director for ICE’s detention and removal office in Philadelphia. “These men all had deplorable records of sexual offenses against children, making them prime examples of the type of predators we’re targeting. Those who commit such offenses against children are on notice – this behavior will not be tolerated.”

These latest removals are part of Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative to protect children from sexual predators, including those who travel overseas for sex with minors, Internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, and child sex traffickers. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 5,300 individuals, including 81 in Pennsylvania, 328 in New York and 15 in Delaware. More than 2,100 individuals have been deported.

ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. ICE investigators staff this hotline around the clock.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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